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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair
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REGULAR MEETING,
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2ND SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
IN SUPPORT OF MAYORAL NOMINEE - MR. MAX J. SWORD
CONFIRMATION TO THE HONOLULU POLICE COMMISSION

My name is William Anonsen and I am the Managing Partner/Principal for The Maritime Group, LLC, in addition to leadership positions on several industry trade associations and community civic organizations; including the State Law Enforcement Coalition, Federal Law Enforcement Foundation and the 200 Club whose primary mission is to support the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Fire Department. I would like to express my personal support for the confirmation of Mayoral Nominee, Mr. Max J. Sword as a member of the Police Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2010. Regrettably I am not able to personally testify before the Council today.

Through my association with his employer Outrigger Enterprises Group, I have found him to be a dedicated individual who performs his professional and civic responsibilities with a sense of commitment and pride. Mr. Sword has many characteristics necessary to make him an outstanding member of the Police Commission, but I will mention a few that stand out. Mr. Sword is a leader and team player who works well with all people. He has demonstrated on several occasions his ability to remain committed to his principles, always with a sense of ethics and diplomacy in times of heated conflicting opposition. I have found him to carefully consider difficult topics, and through a structured investigative process and mind set, he develops well-considered decisions to address and resolve an issue. Most important, he stands by his principles, strongly defending them skillfully and with respectful tact.

I believe Mr. Sword is well qualified and that by confirming his appointment it will lend a much needed balance on the commission with representation of our visitor industry, a major component of the state's business network.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this Mayoral Nominee.

Sincerely,


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